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COMMENTS

The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") were cited in patent infringement litigations in Korea and the United States involving Korean and U.S. patents that claim priority to the same U.S. parent application (US serial no. 08/554,902, now US Patent No. 5,974,662) as the above-identified patent application. These references were identified by one or more of the Defendants in those litigations as alleged grounds for invalidating one or more claims of the patents-in-suit.

The two U.S. litigations in which these references were cited are: (1) FormFactor, Inc. v. Phicom Corporation, United States District Court District of Oregon (Case No. 05-6062-HO) and (2) FormFactor, Inc. v. Micronics Japan Co. and MJC Electronics Corp., United States District Court,

Northern District Of California (Case No. 3:06-CV-07159 JSW). Citation No. 308 in the following listing of references is a copy of invalidity contentions of the Defendant Phicom in the former one of the two preceding litigations, and Citation No. 309 in the following listing of references is a copy of invalidity contentions of the Defendants Micronics Japan and MJC Electronics in the later one of the two preceding litigations. Patents that are at issue in the foregoing litigations include US Patent Nos. 5,974,662; 6,246,247; 6,624,648; 6,615,485; 5,994,152; 7,703,254; and 6,509,751. All of the foregoing patents are commonly owned and related to the above-identified patent application.

REFERENCES THAT MAY BE OF PARTICULAR NOTE

Applicants' representative has reviewed all of the references cited in this IDS and identifies the following citations as possibly being of particular note:

- US Patent No. 4,251,772 (Citation No. 13)
- US Patent No. 4,774,462 (Citation No. 33)
- US Patent No. 4,864,227 (Citation No. 39)
- US Patent No. 4,892,122 (Citation No. 42)
- US Patent No. 5,172,053 (Citation No. 85)
- US Patent No. 5,410,259 (Citation No. 126)
- US Patent No. 5,422,574 (Citation No. 131)
- US Patent No. 5,657,394 (Citation No. 197)
- US Patent No. 5,758,537 (Citation No. 211)
- US Patent No. 5,872,459 (Citation No. 231)
- JP 04-361543 (Citation No. 265)
- JP 06-027144 (Citation No. 267)
- JP 61-272946 (Citation No. 274)
- "Probe Card Stiffener With Theta Adjust," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin (Citation No. 290)

It is possible, however, that the Examiner could deem other references more relevant. It is therefore NOT Applicants' or Applicants' representative's intention to suggest that the foregoing are necessarily the most relevant references cited in the attached listing.

EXPLANATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE REFERENCE(S)

Citation No. 257 (FR 2639154) is in French. The following is an English translation of the Abstract, which Applicants provide as a concise summary of the reference: "The subject of the invention is a connector converting a specific integrated-circuit package with connection pads into a

standard package with connection pins of the PGA (Pin Grid Array) type. This connector includes: a multilayer base 30 carrying, on its lower side, a standard-package array of connection pins 35 and, on its upper side, an array of lands (metallised bonding areas) 37, arranged in the same way as the connection pads 17 of the specific package 10, together with conducting tracks for interconnecting the pins 35 and the lands (metallised bonding areas) 37, a multilayer intermediate board 40 for patching (interconnecting) the connections, an adjustment (setting) board 50 with an array of plated-through (metallised-wall) holes 51 serving as cages having contact springs 52, arranged in the same way as the connection pads 17 of the specific package 10, and a frame 60 for positioning the specific package 10."

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